THE MINISTER) OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) Desert Development Programme does not cover Andhra Pradesh. Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) is, however, being implemented in 09 blocks of 8 districts in Andhra Pradesh. The main thrust of DPAP is on restoration)of ecological balance, and optimum utilisation of land, water, livestock and human resources through an ' integrated area development approach.

DPAP is a centrally sponsored scheme on 50 per cent sharing basis - between the Central Government and the State Government. The Central assistance released to Andhra Pradesh under DPAP during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 was as under:

(In lakh Rupees)'

1984-85	495. 00
1985-86	414. 00
1986-87	517. 00

Development of twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad

2782. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state.

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for the sanction of Rs. 820/- crores for the development of the twin cities of Hyderabad, Secunderabad in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard and the amount allocated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh included a proposal fo_r twin cities development in their draft annual plan for 1987-88. The proposed outlay was Rs. 885 lakhs. The scheme was discussed in the Working Group discussions for the annual plan in the Planning Commission. The exact amount to be allocated for this scheme
is yet to be finalised.

Foodgraina Production

2783. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have fixed the target for food-grains production for the year 1987 throughout the country; and

(b) if. so, the estimated food production in Andhra Pradesh and in other States, State-wise during 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Central Government have fixed the target for foodgrains production fod 1986-87 at 160 million tonnes.

(b) Final estimates of production of foodgrains for the year 1986-87 have not yet been ' received from many States, since the rabi crops are still to be harvested in most of the States. However, it is currently anticipated that the production of Kharif food-grains during the year may be around 83. 0 to 84. 0 million tonnes and that of Rabi foodgrains in the range of 66. 0 to 67. 0 million tonnes.

Cotton production

2784. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE: be pleased to state:

(a) the measures being taken by the Cotton Corporation of India and the Cotton Advisory Board to improve the cotton production in India in general and in Andhra Pradesh in particular; and